

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPENING OF CNG OUTLETS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) outlets opened up in each of the States particularly in Jharkhand during the last two years;
- (b) whether the Government has not opened up the outlets as per the fixed targets particularly in Jharkhand;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the time by which the remaining outlets are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): The number of CNG outlets opened during the last two years is given below:-

Name of the State	CNG station opened during the last two years
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Delhi	26
Maharashtra	45
Andhra Pradesh	06
Uttar Pradesh	09
Tripura	01
Gujarat	85
Total	172

Due to lack of connectivity for gas supply, no CNG outlets have come up in the state of Jharkhand.

(b) to (d): The expansion of CNG infrastructure in different cities in the country is being taken up in a phased manner. In order to promote investment from public as well as private sector for laying trunk natural gas pipelines and city/local natural gas distribution networks throughout the country, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'. Providing of CNG facilities depends upon availability of gas, setting up of necessary infrastructure and economic viability.